SAYS WHITE LOST OVER 800.

UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF KILLED AND WOUNDED AT LADYSMITH.

Boers Believed to Have Lost Over 2,000 -Persistent Rumors in London That tien. Buller Is Advancing but There Is No Confirmation of Them-Rumored Recall of Methuen-Parliament May Meet Two Weeks Earlier Than Was Expected. Sector Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 12. - Rumors persist at the glubs and elsewhere that Gen. Buller is movng, but they cannot be traced to any trustworthy source. Not an item of importance was received from South Africa yesterday. There still no official return of the casualties at Ladysmith on Jan. 6. There is a newspaper statement, but it can only be treated as a

The Parly Mail says it learns that a general estimate of the losses has been received in It places the British losses at 14 ofkilled and 34 wounded, and more than soo men killed and wounded. The losses of the Boers are estimated at certainly over

A telegram sent from Pretoria on the morning of Jan. 6 reports that the Boers, after setere fighting during the night "succeeded in storming the plateau and ridge overhanging the town and the British camps at Lady-It does not refer to subsequent

The Marning Leader's military critic disposes of yesterday's rumor concerning Gen. Buller's health, which, he says, was traced to its source Gen. Buller was suffering from a trifling fever, from which he has now recovered. In connection with the rumored recall of

Methuen, who is in command of the Kimberiev relief force, it is reported in the neighborhood of his home, Corsham Court, Wiltshire, that when he was wounded at the battle Modder River his horse reared and threw him, eausing severe spinal and other injuries. The correspondent of the Standard at Frere, telegraphing under date of Jan. 8, says that natrols of the Natal Carbineers and Thornycroft's Horse thoroughly searched both flanks of the Boer position on that date. They angsiderable number of the enemy encamped five miles east of Colenso. Natives say that the Boers on the Tugela River were greatly weakened on Jan. 6 by the withdrawal of the bulk of their forces to Ladysmith.

It is unofficially stated that Parliament will meet on Jan. 30, a fortnight earlier than the date originally fixed.

WILL BE TRIED AS REBELS. Dutch Colonists Captured at Sunnyside Sent

to Cape Town. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. CAPE Town, Jan. 8 .- The Dutch colonists

who were captured at Sunnyside will be brought here and tried as rebels. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 8.-Forty-one prisoners

belonging to the Sunnyside commando of Colonial Dutch took a train here yesterday afternoon for Cape Town under escort of a section of the Duke of Cornwall's infantry regiment. The prisoners had cofomrtable seats in the railway carriages. Like all the other Boers, except the Staats Artillery, they are without uniforms. About a dozen of them wore white-spotted blue scarfs around their wide-brimmed hats. Most of them were men of 40 years of age, but there were half a dozen youths. They looked like typical veldt peasants-loose-jointed, unkempt and roundshouldered. They carried blankets given to them by the British troops at Belmont and watched the preparations for sending them to Cape Town with stolld indifference.

Among the prisoners are the second and third leaders of the commando. The documents captured include the political records of residents of the country for fifty miles in the neighborhood of Sunnyside. The stationery of the British Government has been used for Boer correspondence. It was found in the

Magistrates' offices of the evacuated towns. There was the usual outpost cannonade this

GUARD ON PORTUGUESE BORDER. Government Trying to Keep Volunteer From Joining the Boers.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN LORENZO MARQUES, Jan. 8.-The Portuguese police have prevented several Portuguese from crossing the frontie and joining the Boers. Hereafter no one will be permitted to cross the frontier without a permit from the

LONDON, Jan. 12 .- A despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marques explains the action of the Portuguese authorities in refusing to allow any one to cross the frontier into Boer territory. An old law, long in abeyance, has been revived, which compels every person leaving Portuguese territory to obtain a passport signed by the Governor. It is understood that the authorities insist that applicants give guarantees through their Consuls that they are not going to the Transvaal for the purpose of fight-

ITALIAN BARK HELD UP.

She Was Bound for Port Elizabeth With a Cargo of Sulphur. all Calle Despatch to THE SUN

PORT ELIZABETH, Natal, Jan 8 (Delayed in transmission).-The British cruiser Fearless on Saturday last seized the Italian bark Maria L, from Girgenti for Algoa Bay, on which Port Elizabeth is situated. The bark has a cargo of

GEN, EGOTH WON'T SELL.

Convict Home Property Not Purchased to Make Money Out Of.

FLUSHING, L. I. Jan. 11.—It was rumored here to-day that Gen. Ballington Booth had agreed to accept \$15,000 for the Tibbetts place, where Mrs. Booths colony of ex-convicts is now housed. This is \$3,000 more than the Booths paid for the place a month ago. The Flushing Association and the Flushing Business Men's Association are to take action in the matter. These societies are opposed to the location of the home in Flushing. Mrs. Booth has named the place Hope Hall. It is now in command of Captain Theodore Caldwell At present the inmates are all officers with the titles of lieutenants, sergeants and cororals. They are making repairs and some of the men were put to work yesterday clearing out a stretch of woodland that borders on the Long Island Railroad. The superintendent of Here Hall said yesterday:

A farmer living near here called to-day and asked for ten men to help him on his place. That is the way they have treated us at other places. Those men want to work and the neignbors ought to encourage their desire to e active. After we have been here a while the Flushing reopie will be glad we came "

MONICLAIR, N. J., Jan. 11.-Gen. Ba'lington oth was seen at his home to-night and told the runer that was going the rounds in ushing. He admitted that the offer of \$15,000 and been made, but declared that he had no atention of accepting it and that he had not archised the property for the purpose of making noney out of it. He added that he had instructed the Board of Governors in charge of the home to go ahead with the plans as they were outlined originally, and that in no circums ances would the property be reums and s would the property be also peterated his statement of the y that when the home had been at a little longer the very people who wopposed to him would be glad that laced it there. STUDENTS PRANK AT HARVARD.

Explosion Caused by Mechanism Stops a Concert in Sanders Theatre.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.-During a concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Sanders Theatre at 9:20 o'clock this evening a loud explosion was heard, followed by the the noise of falling glass. The music stopped and the audience was barely restrained from a panie. Smoke was seen issuing from the door of a closet near the stage. Inquiry revealed that a machine of curious construction had caused an explosion in the closet, shattering windows and tearing to bits a small leather handbag is which it had been hidden.

Prof. Shaler secured the machine and will start an investigation. It is thought that it was intended as a joke and was timed to go off during a freshman course in history, which meets in the hall every other morning at 9 o'clock, and that the culprit made a mistake and set it for 9:20 o'clock in the evening.

Nothing of the sort has happened at Harvard since a number of alarm clocks went off in a popular course in English several years ago.

TAPPEN BEATS HOWLAND.

Independents Win in the Union League Club Election.

For the first time in many years, an independent ticket was elected at the annual meeting of the Union League Club held last evening. This result followed one of the hottest campaigns which has ever been conducted in the club and it was a genuine surprise to most of the older members. The independent ticket was headed by Frederick B. Tappen, President of the Gallatin National Bank for President, and the regular ticket was headed by ex-Judge Henry E. Howland for the same office. The only other difference in the tickets was in the candidates for First Vice-President. Mr. Tappen was the candidate for First Vice - President on the ticket headed by ex-Judge Howland. On the Tappen ticket Orson D. Munn, proprietor of the Scientific American was substituted for vice-president. The Tappen ticket got 188 votes against 154 or the regular ticket.

Many members of the club did not know that there was any contest afoot until yesterday morning when there appeared in the newspapers the following notice as advertising

Union League Club-Election of officers this evening. It is thought to be very important that all friends of Judge Howland for president should be sure to attend and vote the regular ticket. Polls open at 6:30 o'clock and close early. The appearance of this notice created a

sensation among the club members. It was said last night that never before in

sensation among the club members. It was said last night that never before in the history of the organization had votes been advertised for or had an attempt been made to give the impression that votes were advertised for. Members of the club said in the afternoon that so far as they knew there was no opposition to the election of Judge Howland and that there would be no organized attempt at the polls to defeat him. It was thought that the advertisement might have been inserted as a very peculiar practical joke. Judge Howland himself said that he did not know who had put in the advertisement, that it was entirely unauthorized and that he deeply regretted that such a notice should have appeared.

Secretary of War Root, who was elected President of the club last January, and who defined a reflection, came on from Washington to preside over the meeting. Mr. Root made a short speech in calling the club to order in which he referred to the pleasant association he had had with its members and to the regret which he felt at being obliged to relinquish his office, the high honor of which, he said, he fully appreciated, After the usual reports the election opened. Judge Howland's friends were entirely unaware of the existence of the independent ticket until the boils opened. They said that Mr. Tappen had been a candidate for the nomination for President before the nominating committee but that Judge Howland had defeated him overwhelmingly. After this defeat, they said, Mr. Tappen announced that he would not be a candidate before the club and they had no expectation that his name would be sprung upon them. ey had no expectation that his name

would not be a candidate before the club and they had no expectation that his name would be spring upon them.

Mr. Tappen has been a much more frequent visitor at the club then Judge Howland. To this fact was attributed much of the strength that he developed last night.

The division in the fight, it was said, was between the clubmen, who spend much of their time at the clubhouse, and those who go there only occasionally.

Judge Howland's friends throughout the evening lamented the fact that there was such a heavy rain. They said that if the evening had been a fair one the Judge's friends would have turned out in great numbers and would have absolutely overwhelmed Mr. Tappen.

In the early part of the evening they were confident that he would be elected, but by 10 o.clock, when the polls closed, they had about made up their minds that he had lost.

The announcement of Mr. Tappen's success was greeted with loud cheers by the club members, and three times three were given in his honor.

THE ALBANY'S SPEED.

New American Cruiser Makes 19.5 Knots Under Natural Draught.

Special Ca' le Despatch to THE SUN NEWCASTLE, Jan. 11.-The new American cruiser Albany had a trial to-day under natural draught for six consecutive hours. The cruiser left her moorings at 8 o'clock in the morning, but it was too foggy to start the trial until 10 o'clock. The weather at that hour was too thick to see the ranges on shore and accordingly the vessel ran out to sea for three hours and then steamed back.

The trial was very satisfactory. The cruiser's speed was figured out to be 19.5 knots an hour, with 150 revolutions of the propellers a minute. The run out was made against a head sea. The indicated horse power was about 5,600 The draught and displacement were the same as in the trial on Tuesday. The fog settled during the last half hour and threatened to interfere with the trial. It was rather dangerous to speed the cruiser during that time, owing to the proximity of vessels bound for the Tyne. The Albany returned to her moorings at 5

o'clock this afternoon. Washington, Jan. 11.-Rear Admiral Mel-WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Rear Admiral Mei-ville, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Steam En-gineering, received a telegram to-day from Lieut, Harold H. Norton, U. S. N., the Navy De-partment's inspector of the cruiser Albany at the Armstrong ship-building yards, Newcastlethe Armstrong ship-building yards, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, reporting that the Albany has made a successful endurance trial. Her machinery, Lieut. Norton says, worked excel-lently. The test was for endurance alone, the speed trial having taken place earlier in the week. The Albany was run for six consecu-tive hours, and averaged 191-10 knots an hour by land-mark mensurements and 193-10 knots by the patent log. She was not required to ex-eed her contract requirement as to speed. On the speed trial the Albany made an average speed of 20 73-100 knots for four hours. The contract requirement was twenty knots.

FILIBUSTERS FOR THE BOERS.

story in Atlanta of a Fleet of Privateers

Forming in the Bahamas. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 11 .- Capt. Charles Hill, the Atlanta man who during the Brazillan rebellion sailed on the dynamite cruiser Nictheroy, from New York to Rio Janeiro, may get a commission as Captain in a fleet of gunboats said to be forming in the Bahama Islands in the interest of the Transvaal Republic. Capt. Hill said last night that an offer of this character had been made to him through a friend in New York who had been for some time in communication with the Boer Govern-

time in communication with the Boer Government regarding the fleet in the Bahamas.

The exact scope of the project of the gunboats is covered with the usual scerecy pertaining to war movements, but Capt. Hill says that a number of vessels are being concentrated in the waters of the Bahamas and are being fitted with arms. It is supposed to be the intention of the promoters of the project to man a fleet of merchantmen to prey upon the British merchant marine.

"I don't know what I shall do yet," he said last night. "I have the offer through a friend of mine in New York, who is in communication with the Boers and who told me of the proposed formation of the gunboat fleet in the Bahamas. They want me to take command of a vessel as Captain. I could run her, I believe, to great advantage, but I don't exactly like the rôle of privateer."

LORD SALISBURY'S REPLY,

IT CONCEDES THAT THE FLOUR SEIZURES WERE ILLEGAL.

Foodstuffs Are Not Contraband of War Unless It Can Be Shown That They Are Intended for the Enemy's Military Force The Payment of Damages Assured.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 11 .- Ambassador Choate has eceived Lord Salisbury's reply in answer to his note regarding the seizure of American flour. The Prime Minister says that the British Government does not hold foodstuffs to be contraband of war. Neutral vessels bound for neutral ports, and carrying goods plainly marked and not destined for the enemy, will not be subject to seizure. But, Lord Salisbury adds, the decisions of the above questions must be left to a prize court.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The substance of the

answer of Great Britain to the representations of the United States concerning the detention of American flour and other foodstuffs by the British Government which had been shipped from New York on two British and one Dutch vessel to Delagoa Bay, Portuguese Africa, was received by the State Department to-day in a despatch from Mr. Choate, the United States Ambassador in London. Great Britain con-cedes the principles which the United States sought to have established in regard to the inviolability from seizure of neutral goods in time of war, and goes even further than that in acknowledging that foodstuffs destined for an enemy's country are exempt from seizure or detention when not intended for an enemy's military force. The illegality of the detention of the foodstuffs on the three vessels concerned is admitted. This assures the payment of damages for the detention. Late this afternoon the State Department made the following offlcial statement of the despatch from Mr. Choate:

"A telegram has been received from Ambassador Choate, reporting an interview had by him with the Marquis of Salisbury on the afternoon of the 10th inst., in regard to the American shipments of flour and provisions on the detained British steamers Beatrice and Mashona and the Dutch steamer Maria. British position as to foodstuffs and to hostile destination is that they can only be considered contraband of war if supplied for the enemy's forces, it not being sufficient that they are capable of being so used, but it must be shown that this was their destination at the time of seizure. This qualification virtually concedes the American contention that the goods were not subject to seizure and practically disavows the seizure, it not being claimed that there is any evidence of hos de destination."

Another cable despatch from Mr. Choate was received later. It related to the foodstuffs on the steamer Beatrice, a British vessel. The question has been raised whether the ownership of the flour on the Beatrice had not passed from the American consignors, Flint, Eddy & Co. of New York, to the consignees at Delagoa destination is that they can only be considered

question has been raised whether the owner-ship of the flour on the Beatrice had not passed from the American consignors. Flint, Eddy & Co. of New York, to the consignees at Delagoa Bay, and that therefore the United States had no interest in the seizure, the interests of American citizens not being involved. The British Government has therefore postponed the delivery of an answer in the case of the Beatrice's cargo until the question of the ownership of the flour has been determined. In affidavits received at the State Department, Flint, Eddy & Co. claim that the flour is owned by citizens of the United States. The consignees at Delagoa Bay have refused to honor the drafts on them for the cost of the cargo. In acknowledging the illegality of the detention of the eargoes on the Mashona and the Maria, the British Government assumes responsibility for the payment of damages for the detention of the Beatrice's flour, and no loss will therefore come to either the American consignors or the consignees at Delagoa Bay.

The importance of the position assumed by the British Government cannot be overestimated. It is a practical concession of every point claimed by the United States and an acknowledgement of more than was asked by this country. Great Britain places herself on record as not only willing to respect neutral cargoes of foodstuff bound for a neutral port. record as not only willing to respect neutral cargoes of foodstuff bound for a neutral port, but such cargoes destined for an enemy's country when it is plainly indicated that they are not intended for use by the enemy's

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question to the determination of a commission.

In the State Department's statement of the contents of Mr. Choate's message the reference to the British position as to hostile destination is perhaps not made quite clear. The meaning of the Department, which followed closely the language of Mr. Choate's despatch, is that the fact that foodstuffs shipped to an enemy's country are not contraband of war unless it is shown that at the time of setzure they were intended for the use of the enemy's forces. For example, the flour on the vessels seized off Delagoa Bay would be entitled to immunity from detention or confiscation if intended for the use of non-combatants in the Transvaal, and could be rightfully taken by Great Britain only when there was evidence that it was to be used by the Boer armies.

DEWEY ARCH FUND GROWING

\$2,000 Received Yesterday.

The Dewey Arch Committee announced yesterday afternoon that J. Pierpont Morgan had promised them a check for \$5,000, and they also said that they had received yesterday checks to the amount of \$2,000.

Geo. W. Ely, President of the New York Club. George W. Ely, formerly Secretary of the Stock Exchange and now President of the Bankers' Trust Company, was elected Pres-ident of the New York Club last night.

SENATOR PLATT PARTS WITH QUIGG. Telegraphs to Albany That Odell, Not Quigg, Will Be His Representative.

ALBANY, Jan 11 .- More or less comment was heard to-night concerning the telegrams which Senator Thomas C. Platt has sent in to this city from Washington during the last twentyfour hours. In a word, Senator Platt has telegraphed to Jotham P. Allds, majority leader of the Assembly, and to other Republicans in the Assembly and the Senate, that President Lemuel Eli Quigg of the New York county organization must not be regarded as his representative in Albany on any legislation afeting the Republican party. Senator Platt has telegraphed that if any representative is to speak for him it will be Benjamin B. Odell, Jr. Chairman of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Allds, Speaker Nixon, and the Republican Senators who were aware of Senator Platt's telegrams, declined to speak specifically of the contents of the messages. Naturally, however, Mr. Platt's words brought out a little of contemporaneous history.

Speaker Nixon was sick a good deal of last winter, but he was on hand enough to know that Mr. Quigg occasionally came to Albany and shifted bills. Mr. Nixon was a little angry Allds was also disturbed. Those who talked confidentially to-night of Senator Platt's messages said that Mr. Quigg had recently given it to be his opinion that Mr. Platt could not live much longer and that Mr. Odell and Mr. Quigg would be the great powers of the Republican party in the State of New York. There was another story to the effect that Mr. Platt believed it time to make a change in the leadership of the Republican forces in Greater New York; that he believed the organizations of New York and Kings should be merged, and that Lieut. Gov. Woodruff should be head of this great machine.

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The statement concerning Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff becoming this great political force in Greater New York was hardly consonant with the opinion of certain people that Mr. Woodruff would either like to be the Vice-Presidential candidate or the next candidate of the Republican party for Governor of the State of New York. Nevertheless, no one was found who disputed the statement that if any change is made in the Republican county organization of New York, Senator Platt desires that Mr. Woodruff should take the helm for the reason that Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Odell are congenial and, according to their lights, would work for the alvantage of the Republican party all over the State as well as in New York city.

Republicans at the Ten Eyck, the Ken The Republicans at the Ten Eyck, the Kenmore and other hotels who were aware that Senator Platt had sent the despatches to Mr. Alids, said that they did not care to discuss them, and neither did they wish to say anything about Mr. Quigg's future in New York county. They had been informed, they said, that Mr. Quigg had made certain business alliances which were not altogether Republican in their character, and it was their opinion that Mr. Platt had ascertained the facts and did not believe that it would be the correct thing for Mr. Quigg to visit Albany as his alleged representative, and attempt to influence legislation.

ANGRY ST. LOUIS CITIZENS.

Call Members of the House of Delegates

St. Louis, Jan. 11.-The floor of the Real Estate Exchange was crowded to-day with business men and taxpayers who gathered to protest against the failure of the House of Delegates to provide for the lighting of the streets and public buildings of the city. the preamble to the resolutions adopted calls attention to the persistent rumors that the failure of the House of Delegates to legislate for lighting the city, is the result of corrupt influences affecting certain members. The resolutions declared the meeting adjourned. to meet at the hall of the House of Delegates on Friday, "then and there to demand of that body such instant action as shall rectify this infamous wrong which has been committed, and upon their continued refusal to act, to seek such remedy for this unparaileled violation of their sworn duty as public officials as may be dietated by an outraged sense of justice."

interrupted by cries from the floor of "Lynch | the Scoundrels." "hanging is too good for them." and "Boodlers." "We will go provided with ropes." was shouted in answer to his question as to how many would visit the

The trouble arises primarily from a conflict between the legislative branch of the city government and the Board of Public Improvements. The latter, under the charter, must draft all ordnances providing for lighting

while the former enacts them. The assertion is made that the board, by incorporating a renewal clause, would take from the House of Delegates power vested therein by the charter. Back of this is a desire to hold up the bid of the Missouri Edison Company until two electric companies in process of formation are in position to compete. This is where the boodle charges come in.

ICE YACHTS COLLIDE.

They Come Together With Great Force and

Several Persons Are Injured. RED BANK, Jan. 11.-Three races were on the yachting programme to-day, and they were most interesting and exciting on account of a flerce gale which blew up the river from the eastward. The first race was for the thirdclass challenge pennant, which was won by Charles Burd's Zip, with Commodore Morford's Flaw second. The twelve-mile course was sailed, but in all the races the boats had plenty of windward work. Zip's time was twenty-nine minutes. The third and second class yachts then raced for silver prizes offered by Commodore Samuel W. Morford. Seven boats entered in the race for third class vachts. Charles P. Irwin's Georgie won in twenty-four minutes. Commodore Morford's Flaw was second. In the race between the second class yachts Charles Allen, Jr.'s, Edma M, best James B. Weaver's Kittle. The winner's time was twenty-two minutes.

After the contest two iceboats, owned respectively by Robert Hance and Charles Foxwell, collided. They were sailing almost as fast as the wind and they came together with awful force. In Hance's boat were the owner, Miss Julia Hance, Miss Kate Applegate and Mrs. Emile French. Miss Hance and Mrs. French were slightly cut and bruised. Foxwell had as passengers Elwood Ivins and Dr. Frank Jones, who were seriously hurt. Jones fared the worst, and it is thought he is internally injured. He was cut about the ab lomen and rendered unconscious. Ivins had a long cut on the thigh which exposed the bone. The injured persons were brought ashore in ice yachts and taken to the Monmouth Boat Club house where they were attended by physicians. Hance's boat was damaged, but Foxwell's was uninas the wind and they came together with boat was damaged, but Foxwell's was unin-

WOMAN GAGGED BY A THIEF. Mrs. Annie Smith's House Robbed While

She Lay Bound and Helpless. A man called at the home of Mrs. Annie Smith, 309 West 140th street, yesterday afternoon and said he would like to rent a furnished room. He had a bicycle which he asked per-

mission to put inside, as he was afraid somebody would steal it. He was well-dressed and pleasant-mannered and Mrs. Smith readily showed him the way to the basement. As soon as they got inside he grabbed her by the throat, placed a gag in her mouth and tied her arms behind her. The thief then locked her in a storeroom and went through the house from top to bottom, taking all the silverware and jewelry he could find. When he departed he left the front door open and didn't take his

he left the front door open and didn't take his bicycle.

About ten minutes later one of Mrs. Smith's neighbors, passing the house, noticed the open door and thought it strange. He went in to in-vestigate and found Mrs. Smith still locked in the storeroom. The police were at once noti-fied and a general alarm for the thief was sent

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U. S. SENATE'S SECRETARY.

BENJAMIN B. ODELL IS SELECTED IN CAUCUS BUT DECLINES.

The Place Likely to Go to Another New Yorker Not Yet Named-Gen. Clarkson Set Aside-Col. Runsdell of Indianapolis to Succeed Bright as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Hon. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Chairman of the Republican State Committee of New York, came down from Albany last night and entered the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 9 o'clock. Many people were there to greet him. Some wanted to know the truth about his utterances concerning the Dixon-McGovern fight and the statement that he believed the fight to be a fake, and because of his opinion would advocate the repeal of the Horton law. "What nonsense," said Mr. Odell, "No one was more surprised than I at Albany last night

some of the New York evening newspapers. Everything I said in a jocular nature had been accepted in serious fashion. We were all joking in State headquarters yesterday morning en he heard of Mr. Quigg's conduct. Mr. as to the fight and some of our enterprising and interesting reporters of the evening newspapers accepted my statements as serious. They should all be made humorous editors.' The information greeted Mr. Odell that the caucus of Republican United States Senators at Washington late on Wednesday had selected him to be Secretary of the United States Senate in the place of the Democratic incumbent, William R. Cox of North Carolina. The news is that the Republican Senators did not desire to elect Gen. James S. Clarkson as Mr. Cox's successor, and as a final outcome had selected Mr. Odell and had empowered Senator Platt of New York to obtain, if possible, Mr. Odell's acceptance.

"I first heard of my selection to be Secretary of the United States Senate," said Mr. Odell, "last night at Albany, when Senator Platt kindly telephoned me the information. I replied that I should like to have a few hours to decide the matter, I fully appreciate the great honor that the United States Senate has

extended to me."

Chairman Odell, it was ascertained, telephoned to Senator Platt at Washington last night thanking Mr. Platt and begging that New York's senior Republican Senator would convey to the other Republican Senators Odell's acknowledgments of high honor, but saying would be impossible for Mr. Odell to accept the place. It seems that when the United States Senators lid not find it agree-

able to select Gen. Clarkson they wanted a strong man like Mr. Odell, and so they went ahead and selected Mr. Odell relying on Mr. Platt to induce Mr. Odell to accept the place. It seems also that Mr. Platt believed that Mr. Odell could possibly accept the place as Secretary of the Senate and retain his place as Chairman of the Republican State Committee of New York. Mr. Odell refused to be a candidate for reflection to Congress a year ago on the ground that he had served two terms in Washington and his peo ple objected to further residence in Washing-

ton because of domestic reasons. Senator Platt, it is said, informed Mr. Odel over the telephone from Washington last night that there was the greatest kindness on the part of the United States Senators toward him, but in view of Mr. Odell's decision that he could not accept the place as Secretary of the Senate the Republican Senators of this august body desired to give the place to some other New Yorker. Neither Mr. Platt nor Mr. Odell would tell who this man was. Mr. Odell said that his family and business interests would not permit him to leave New York.

It was ascertained also over the telephone Vashington that the Republican Senators had also in caucus decided to elect Col. D. M. Ransdell of Injanapolis, United States Marshal, District of Columbia, under Harrison, to be District of Columbia, under Harrison, to be Sergeant-at-Arms in place of Col. Dick Bright of Indiana, the present Democratic incumbent, Formal action will be taken at a second caucus, to be held on Jan. 19.

Supt. Payn, of the Insurance Department, came to New York from Albany last night. He declined to say anything about the situation at Albany concerning a probable successor. Chairman Odell also refused to utter a word, and said that the situation would develope itself.

PREDICT EARLY WAR WITH RUSSIA.

Japanese Newspapers Say Troops Are Being Moved to Points of Vantage.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11 .- Advices by the steamship Empress of Japan, which arrived in Vancouver to-day, say that many of the Japanese papers are predicting war between Japan and Russia at an early date. All the papers chronicle the rapid movement of Japanese troops to points of vantage. George R. Gregg, ex-Mayor of Winnipeg,

who arrived from Yokohama by yesterday's steamer, says the prospect of war between Japan and Russia has been in no respect diminished through the recent overtures of the St. Petersburg Government, Shortly before he left Japan the Government had placed an order for 100,000 winter uniforms with a British firm, while coincidently the Japanese press announced the purchase of large supplies of campaign foods by the Army Commissary Department. Hundreds of horses are being mustered at Hirosham and drilled for cavalry service.

The Kobe Chronicle looks upon war as virtually assured and says that a few days ago a steamer left a certain Japanese port under steamer left a certain Japanese port under sealed orders with a large force of sol-diers equipped for the field on board. It also announced that three other steamers have been chartered as transports for the con-veyance of troops. Their destination is Ma-samno, Corea, where the Russian gunboat Domsky, with several other war vessels of the same flag, had proceeded with the excuse of watering.

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Another significant report is given by a Tokio correspondent. He says the British Government recently applied to the Nippon Yusen Knisha to charter some of their steamers as transports. The application was refused, the Japanese Government declining permission on the ground that it might need the steamers. It is easily understood that the situation is not improved by the Japanese active and hearty indersement of Great Britain in her South African policy and the assurance given by no fewer than forty Japanese towns that, if desired, they will supply Great Britain with complete and experienced regiments for service in the Transvaal.

GIRLS CATCH A BURGLAR,

Lock the Doors and Then Tackle a Second Story Man With Success.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 11.-This evening two plucky girls captured a robber down in Manchester just before supper, when they were nione in the house. Miss Marion Josselyn discovered an intruder on the stairs leading form the upper part of the house. She ran to the front door and locking it, put She ran to the front door and locking it, put the key in her pocket. At the same time she called to her sister Lena to fasten the rear door. The two girls, who are 18 and 22, respectively, then caught the robber. They bound him to a heavy hedstend and relephoned to the police. When the patrol wagon reached the house the girls had searched the thiel and taken from him 57 in money which he had found in one of the rooms.

The robber was recognized by the police as Pete Bezonia who has a sentence of five years for second story thisying hanging over him. He is about 20 years old and of slight build.

Married on a Train Going at Full Speed. COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 11.-Miss Hattie Riggs of Orangeburg, ostensibly going to visit relatives in Abbeville, was joined at Prosperity today by H. C. Holloway, who telegraphed ahead for a preacher to board the train at New Berry. Then, when the train on the Southern Road was going forty-five miles an hour, the run-away couple stood in the aisle, flanked by the other passengers, and were married. PASSENGER STRAMER ASHORE

Lives Lost in a Wreck on the Newfound

land Coast. Sr. Johns, N. F., Jan. 11 .- A large boat supposed to be a passenger steamer, is ashore five miles from Peters' River. Her name cannot be made out and the sea is so heavy that it is impossible to reach ber.

A number of persons can be seen on the deck. Some were washed overboard during the afternoon. Others are lashed to the rigging and it is feared that they will be frozen to death during the night.

ANNEXATION OF CUBA.

Senate Committee to Visit the Island With

That Object in View. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- When the Currency bill, now pending in the Senate, shall have to read reports of my alleged utterances in passed, the Committee on Relations with Cuba will visit Cuba to thorougaly familiarize the members with the social, industrial and political conditions in the island and to learn from actual observation how much time will be required to bring Cuba under the influence of American ideas and American methods, Senator Platt of Connecticut, the chairman, and Senator Aldrich, the ranking Republican member of the Committee on Finance, are hopeful that the Currency bill will be passed so that the Cuban committee can leave the United States early in February. It is evidently the prevailing sentiment among the members of this committee that the annexation of Cuba will ultimately result, and perhaps at no discant day. In the meantime the Cubans will enjoy that independence promised them in the resolutions of Congress which brought on the war with Spain.

According to one member of the committee, annexation will be brought about by a perfeetly natural process of transition." It is with this in view, and with the object of finding ways and means to accomplish this transition. that the Senate Committee will visit the island next month.

TROLLEY CAR RUNS AWAY.

Six Persons Injured After a Wild Ride

SCHANTON, Pa., Jan. 11.-Six persons were injured and twenty-seven others frightened this afternoon through the run of a trolley car down the Pine street incline of the Laurel Hill division of the Scranton Railroad Company. The caribecame unmanageable, theltracks being slippery. Leaving the rails, the car crashed into a post. It was literally torn apart and the into a post. It was literally torn apart and the roof was carried away. Robert Croop of Dunmore sustained a fracture of the right arm and two broken ribs. Mrs. O. J. Miller of Pine street was lacerated about the face and head. Mrs. George Clubb of Dunmore was bruised about the chest. Samuel Colwell of Dunmore was cut about the face and head. Two other persons sustained painful injuries.

As the car began to tear down the grade the motorman and conductor jumped. The passengers when into a panic. sengers when into a panic

IS GOEBEL TO MARRY?

Story That He Is To Wed Miss Blackbarr

Denied by Both. LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 11.-Senator William Goebel, it is said, is engaged to be married to Miss Corine Blackburn, daughter of United Miss Corine Blackburn, daughter of United States Senator J. C. S. Blackburn. It is declared but the marriage is to occur immediately after Goebel's contest for Governor is decided at Frankfort.

In an interview to-day Senator William Goebel said the reason, he had never married was because he had been too busy. "When I was 7 years old," he said, "I went to making my own living by selling newspapers on the streets in Covington. I was kicked about then and ever since I have met with stern cold opposition in all undertakings. I have never had time to think of marrying."

Both Miss Blackburn and Senator Goebel deny the report to-day that they are engaged

VANDERBILT PAYS HIS FINE.

Said He Was Serving on Jury in One Court When Called to Do Duty in Another. Assistant Corporation Counsel Kiernan said yesterday that the case of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who was fined \$100 on order of Justice Fitzsimons of the City Court for contempt in

Fitzsimons of the City Court for contempt in neglecting to obey a jury summons, had been settled "on terms satisfactory to the city." Mr. Kiernan wouldn't teil whether Mr. Vanderbit had sent a check.

Later in the afternoon it was announced that Mr. Vanderbit had sent his check for the amount of his fine. It was also said that Mr. Vanderbit was serving on a jury in the Supreme Court at the time he was summoned to serve in the City Court.

TRAIN ESCAPES WRECK.

Scrap fron Had Been Placed on the Long

Island Railroad Track. MINBOLA, L. I., Jan. 11. - The passengers on the 4:32 Oyster Bay express, eastbound, yesterday had a narrow escape from being wrecked when about a mile south of Roslin. Engineer Birdsall saw a dark mass on the rails, and he Birdsail saw a dark mass on the rails, and he shut off steam and applied the brakes. When the engine struck the heap of scrap iron which had been placed on the track, the speed of the train was only ten miles an hour. The iron was undoubtedly put on the track by train wreckers. Detectives were immediately detailed on the case. The railroad bed at the point of the intended wreck was badly injured.

SUTRO'S ALLEGID WIDOW WILL SUE. Not Satisfied With the Executors' Offer to

Give Her #250,000. San Francisco, Jan. 11.-Ciara Kluge, wh alleges she is the widow of Adolph Sutro and the mother by him of two children born in lawful wedlock, is dissatisted with the offer of the estate to give her \$250,000 and will bring a estate to give her \$250,000 and will oring a suit for her one-third dower and a quarter each for the children. She will also seek to present proof of a missing will in her favor un-der which Judge Wallace and Isaath W. Heil man. President of the Nevada National Bank. are named as executors.

The estate is valued at \$3,000,000. Sutro left five children by his first wife.

GIRL IN A TRANCE.

Her Condition Said to Be Due to Overwork in a Factory.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Jan. 11 .- The trance of Eva Rose, a Bradley Beach factory girl, is attracting attention in Asbury Park. Since Tuesday the girl has been in coma. Her eyes are glassy and staring and her jaws are set, but are glassy and staring and her jaws are set, but those about her believe that she knows all that takes place in her room. Dr. Ackerman be-lieves that she will recover in a few days. The story that Miss Ross came in ar being buried alive is untrue. Her real state was known Tuesday afternoon a few minutes after she was carried to her home. It is believed that the young girl is a victim of overwork.

HE ONLY KNOWS THAT HE IS JOE.

A Five-Year-Old Wanderer From the Borough of Homes Found at Maspeth, L. 1. MASPETH, L. L., Jan. 11 .- A boy 5-year-old was foun! wandering about the car stables last night by Patrolman Brower of the Newtown precinct. The boy could give no account of himself except that he was "Joe" and that he came from Brooklyn. He is evidently an Italian. He wore black knickerbockers, a baid shirt wast, a brown coat trimmed with braid, brown stockings, black lace shoes and a plush

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 11.-Jesse E. James will be married on Jan. 24 to Miss Stella McGown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McGown, desse James is the son of the noted bandit of that name and has lived most of his life in this city. He now keeps a cigar store and is newscreen. MeGown. Josse James is the son of the noted bandit of that name and has lived most of his life in this city. He now keeps a cigar store and is prosperous.

Latest Train for St. Louis

and Cincinnati, leaves Grand Central Station every day at 2:20 P. M., via New York (entral—Big Four Boute, Trains illuminated by Pinyech light.—Adv.

MARGIN CLERK A FUGITIVE.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

\$19,000 TAKEN FROM TWO OF KORE

& CO.'S CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS. William P. Filer Disappeared on Dec. 11 When Stocks Broke-L f a Wife and Two Children-Father-in-Law Feers Ho's

Crazy-Past Grand Master of a Lodge. William P. Filer, a clerk for Kohn & Co. stockbrokers, of 48 Broadway, has disappeared and his employers say that his accounts are \$12,000 short. Yesterday the Sheriff received an attachment for that amount against Piler and served it on a bank in which Filer is said to have a deposit of \$900 and on a safety deposit concern where he is sa d to have rented a

In his affidavit David Kohn declares that Filer had worked for the firm as margin clerk for the past two years and a half and that there had never been any doubt as to his integrity until Dec. 11, when the stock market broke badly. On that day Mr. Kohn was looke ing over the margin book to see if the margins of his customers were all right He found that the accounts of I. Metzger and E. Loeb were insufficiently margined and he spoke to Filer about the matter, telling him to notify these customers to send more margin to protect their stocks. He noticed that Piler seemed to be flustered, but thought nothing of it. Filer left the office saying that he would send such a notification and he never re-

seemed to be flustered, but thought nothing of it. Filer left the office saying that he would send such a notification and he never returned.

Mr. Kohn notified Metzger and Loeb and they declared that they had not received certain balances that the books stated had been raid to them. Further investigation showed that Filer, who had been allowed to fill out checks signed in blank, had on Aug. 2, cashed one of these checks for \$3,000, on Aug. 30, one for \$4,000 and on Sept. 21, one for \$5,000 and had charged all of the amounts to the Metzger and Loeb accounts.

Mr. Kohn, who lives with his brother. Otto, another member of the firm, at 32 East Sixty-eighth street, said last night that no trace of Filer has been found since that day.

Filer lived in the Woodbury apartmens house at Ninety-fifth street and Madison avenue. When he disappeared Mrs. Filer went with her two children to live with her father. A. Rosenthal, a cigar manufacturer at First avenue and Seventy-third street, at 9 East Ninety-third street. Mr. Rosenthal said last night:

"Mv son-in-law has disappeared, but I do not think that he is short in his accounts. I know that he had been speculating heavily and that he lost almost continually. I think that he went crazy over his losses and I do not believe the story that he took with him when he went away an actress. He was a Past Grand Master of Mt. Nebo Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. If he is short in his accounts his many friends will be ready to make up any amount so that he will not be prosecuted. I am worth more than a million and can take care of him myself for that matter. We have no idea where he is and are very anxious to hear from him, as we fear that he may come to some harm while in an Irrespon-We have no idea where he is and are very anxious to hear from him, as we fear that he may come to some harm while in an irrespon-sible condition."

WHO IS THIS FREE-MASON SUICIDES Registered as Fuller and Said He Was Sai

gent-Poisoned Himself. A man registered as E. J. Fuller of Boston killed himself with poison yesterday as the Eastern Hotel in Whitehall street. He left this letter:

Life-A Burles que, Good-by old world, Years age

you could have served me better; of late you have failed me. Once again, good-by. Another reincar-nation will possibly prove more congenial. For the last act in the farce of life attach all blame to me. Sleep, Oblivion, Rest, Morphine, Finis. J. G. Adieu. Adieu. Semper Fidelis. 15 Grains. P. and A. M. 3d degree to S. B. 32d degree. Monitors (Blue St. John's (Chap) Hampton (Commandery) (Bichmond) (Consist). The Widow's Son. (Blue 8t, John's (Chap) Hampton (Commanderry) (Blehmond) (Consist).

The Winow's Son.

Thomas Horan, the newsman who keeps a stand in front of the hotel, said that the suicide told him that he was Edward F. Sargent, who was arrested on Monday for deserting his bride of four hours. Sargent was a druggist, According to his wife's complaint, he was a nurse in Sailors' Snug Harbor. She said in the Yorkville court on Monday that five weeks ago she met Sargent while she was working as a cloak model in a Broadway store. Sargent had induced her to go to the Lutheran Church at Avenue A and Fifth street and marry him and had then taken her to a boarding house at 335 East Ninetieth street. After four hours he told her to go to her home in Middletown, N. Y., and left her. She went to Middletown, but heard nothing more from her husband, She came to this city and found a letter in his rooms from another woman and had him arrested.

rested.
Sargent and his wife had a talk in the court room and settled their differences. They left the court together.
The property found in the man's clothing included a gold watch numbered 42629, a dark red seal watch charm, a gold ring with a green colored seal, a rair of gold cuff buttons set with red stones, a Masonic emblem with an Odd Fellows badge attached and 90 cents.

TO CUT OFF GERRY'S SOCIETY.

Mr. Harburger Has a Bill to Repeal the Law Giving It \$30,000 of City Money. ALBANY, Jan. 11.-Assemblyman Julius Harburger of New York city has drafted a bill re-

pealing the provision of the law under which

\$30,000 of New York city moneys is paid an-

nually to Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry's Society for the Frevention of Cruelty to Children.

Mr. Harburger says that this society has been adjudged by the Court of Appeals not to be a charitable organization, and that being the fact. I is no longer cutified to this annual appropriation, which has been made for the ostensible reason that the society was carrying on a charitable work.

Mr. Harburger added that New York city spent sufficient money through its public officials to secure an enforcement of the criminal laws, and if such enforcement could not be secured without the aid of Mr. Gerry's society the reason should be ascertained.

COLER ON GERRY'S PRIVILEGES.

The Law Should Be Chauged-City Hands \$30,000 Over to His Society This Year. Last summer Comptroller Coler got into controversy with the Gerry society over the grants of city money which have been made to it, and yesterday Mr. Coler admitted that the decision of the Court of Appeals that the society was not a charitable organization was defeat for him, as well as for the State Board of Charities. Mr. Coler wants to stop the practice

Charities. Mr. Coler wants to stop the practice of appropriating lump sums of money from the city treasury for charitable and other organizations. In the list he submitted to the Board of Estimate of items to be cut off he includes the Gerry society, but the board voted to give \$30,000 to it this year.

"Tregard this court decision as a most unfortunate thing for the State," said Mr. Coler yesterday. "I regard it as absolutely astounding that a man who is not even a citizen of the State, who has changed his residence in order to avoid paying taxes, should have such remarkable privileges lAccording to the decision, he is superior to the city and the State. He is absolutely irresponsible to any one. If the law is as the Court has decided, it should be changed at once. My sympathics are all with the State Board of Charities. I hope and think they will succeed in the end."

AMERICAN KILLED IN HONDURAN

Capt. Imboden, Who Was Interested in SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.-Mail advices from Guatemaia City of Dec. 14 report the murder at San Fedro Sala, Honduras, of Capt. Jacob M. Imboden, an American who had been interested for many years in mining in Honduras. The shooting was done by Jonquin Hernandez, Secretary in the Criminal Court, apparently without cause. He also dangerously wounded another American, br. William Gold. No details of the whar have been received. Insolven left a widow and four children at Gusternesses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.-It was expected that the Special Committee on the Roberts case would take a vote this afternoon. As Repre-